Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest Compartment 13 Tract 8 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 11/21/2013 Comments Received: 1

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide. The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
 Concern of potential impact to wildlife habitats, and potentially to endangered/threatened species. Recommends inventory of birds and wildlife be conducted before plan implementation. Concern on impacts to recreation users (horse trail). Suggests tracts heavily used for recreation be excluded from the regular harvest cycle. Opposes commercial harvesting in this tract. 	 Habitats, communities and wildlife species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Concern also addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment. Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat. Recreation access will be temporarily limited during management operations. Trail use will be considered during implementation of the RMG. The prescribed management activities are supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.